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Arabine not to work too hard in the mill so as to me that she was to work in the new mill I did not write where she boarded you wrote to me not worry about home I cannot help it when we lay down without half supper enough I cannot help thinking of you at home wish you could look in upon us about twenty four hours so you could judge for your self but enough of that at present I want to tell you last night to get some medicine for Capt Emerson the camp was over run with soldiers coming from all directions north it is estimated that there is 50,000 troops within the vicinity of Washington that can be raised in two hours I have got sick and tired of the sound of war but must stand while longer I hope if I live to get home I shall never hear the sound of war again while I live it is going late I draw my letter to a close you must write me as often as you can for it is a great treat to sit down and read a letter from you I assure you you wrote me that Arabine was going to write Sunday tell her to be sure to write me without fail and write all the news she can find to write tell Ellura and Laura a letter from me would be received with great pleasure tell the children to be sure tell Charly there is a little negro boy a little bigger than he is out in the camp yard a dancing I wish he could see him a few minutes he would laugh I know he would ask him if he wants me to bring him home a little negro boy

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